

Premption

If only one side has a major (not total) CF cap, and the other has sizeable vital forces, the situation is not sharply unstable.

W) Nor does the one have a credible "preemptive threat."

(This would be the case now, if US had no MM-III into MK/RA + NS-20. It is approx. true anyway.*

(or both)

But if one side gets a large CF cap. and the other has some CF cap: 3) the sit is very unstable in major crisis; (3) The prob. of either going first is about the same!

[With MM-III revised to 600 - vs. 900 targets - the CF coverage of each is about the same, vs. missiles:

(900 vs. 1053!) - though one would destroy more warheads, destroy a much larger fraction of total warheads, and leave the other far fewer: in fact, "only" a few hundred (under 10% to the size of France or UK!)

Preemption

Each side has bought an increasing ability
to destroy an increasing fraction of enemy
warheads; at the cost of growth in total
(not residual!) enemy warheads (as a direct
and indirect result of pursuit of CF; and
increase in every incentive to preempt
(being in our own "mind" to do so, i.e. crisis):

while "crisis" - a tendency to "provolve",
a counter-tendency to thwart FS -
contains, generating pressure to preempt.

Both "security" (not of war) and expected
danger - war are growing over time, in the process.

Nuclear Winter

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i.e. preemption:

the victor still has its cities to lose;
and will lose them by its own hand
if it attacks cities!

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(here, is our own "need" to do so, in crisis):

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continue, generating pressure to preempt.
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i.e. preemption:
the winter still has its cities to lose;
and will lose them by its own hand
if it attacks cities!